UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

RIICO HOWELL,

Plaintiff,

25-CV-2716 (JHR) (RFT)

-against-

SLUTTY VEGAN, INC.,

Defendant.

<u>ORDER</u>

ROBYN F. TARNOFSKY, United States Magistrate Judge:

On April 2, 2025, Plaintiff Riico Howell commenced this litigation by filing a complaint (the "Complaint") against Defendant Slutty Vegan, Inc. (*See* ECF 3.) On April 8, 2025, Plaintiff timely served the summons and Complaint on Defendant, and Defendant was required to respond to the Complaint by April 29, 2025. (*See* ECF 11.) On May 1, 2025, I ordered Plaintiff, by May 8, 2025, to serve on Defendant the summons, the Complaint, and a copy of the May 1, 2025 order, and I extended Defendant's time to respond to the Complaint to May 16, 2025. (*See* ECF 12, Order.) To date, Defendant has not responded to the Complaint.

On June 10, 2025, I ordered Defendant to show cause by July 10, 2025 why I should not order Plaintiff to seek default judgment against Defendant for failure to defend this action. (See ECF 34.) I directed Plaintiff to serve the order to show cause on Defendant and to file proof of service by June 12, 2025. (See ECF 36.) To date, Defendant has not responded to the order to show cause.

Accordingly, Plaintiff is directed to begin the process for seeking a default judgment against Defendant for failing to defend this action by August 8, 2025. Plaintiff shall follow the procedure for seeking a default judgment outlined in Rule 5.H and Attachment A of Judge

Rearden's Individual Rules and Practices in Civil Cases, available at

https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-jennifer-h-rearden.

DATED: July 18, 2025

New York, NY

SO ORDERED.

ROBYN F. TARNOFSKY

United States Magistrate Judge